The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) maintains almost 50,000 lane miles of state highway and 80,000 acres of right-of-way. We have a lot of ground to cover - and unfortunately, so does litter. Yes, we see it, too.

**What is Adopt-A-Highway (AAH)?**
Adopt-A-Highway is one way ODOT controls litter and to keep the state’s highways beautiful. The program allows volunteer groups to adopt a two-mile section or an interchange along a state, federal or interstate route, free of cost.

**What are the program requirements?**
- Groups are asked to adopt for two years and pick up litter a minimum of four times each year.
- Participants in Adopt-A-Highway should be volunteers and not paid to pick up litter.
- Groups can partner with others in adopting but may not pay another group to pick up litter.
- ODOT will provide safety training, trash bags, disposable safety vests and two signs to be used at the beginning of the two mile section. The only cost to each group is their time.

**Who can Adopt-A-Highway?**
Any organization that has an interested in keeping our roadways free of litter. Additionally, a two-mile section of roadway or interchange in memory or in honor of someone.

**How are groups recognized?**
Adopt-A-Highway volunteers are recognized for their efforts with two blue roadway signs, placed at each end of the adopted segment of the highway. The signs will be printed with the name of the organization or business. Memorial adoptions will be processed in the same manner as regular adoptions, but the name of the person memorialized will be placed on the roadside signs. Additionally, groups can be recognized as Gold Star groups. Gold Star recognition is reserved for groups who are active for a minimum of 5 years and that follow all program guidelines annually. ODOT covers the cost of the signs and installation, which will remain posted as long as the group renews its Adopt-A-Highway permit.

**What is Sponsor-A-Highway?**
Sponsor-A-Highway is an ODOT program offered statewide that allows segments of interstate highways to be sponsored by businesses and groups to fund litter removal services. Businesses and groups can sponsor a one-mile, one-direction segment of highway for a monthly fee of $250 - $450.

Groups, organizations and businesses can sponsor a highway by paying one of the two approved vendors for litter removal services. Roadside sections included in the Sponsor-A-Highway program are cleaned at least once a month, or more if needed.

Signs with the sponsor name and logo are erected on site, denoting the roadway section as a sponsored highway. All highway recognition signs are manufactured, installed, and maintained by our vendors. Designs are standardized and regulated by the Federal Highway Administration.

For more information, please visit www.transportation.ohio.gov/adoptahighway